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If you spend any time in Ketchikan you will soon notice that the City Fathers love to take free money for transportation projects and either never finish them, manage them poorly, or never maintain them. The South Tongass Highway is a good example. There are new sewer and water pipes in the ground, they continue to dig up the pavement and temporary patch, nobody knows when the water and sewer is going to be hooked up, and the realignment project will mess everything up again. I believe the state needs to force Ketchikan to improve or maintain their existing infrastructure before they move on to a new Golden Gate Bridge.

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